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Whitehall, Auguſt 10.

THIS Afternoon Colonel Park, Aid de Camp to his Grace the Duke of Marlborough, arrived here, being ſent Expreſs by the Duke to Her Majeſty, with an Account of the Glorious Victory wherewith Almighty God had bleſſed Her Majeſty's Arms over the French and Bavarians near Hochſtetten, above Donawert, the 13th Inſtant, N. S.

The Colonel brought a Letter to my Lady Dutcheſs, which his Grace had written on Horſeback with a Lead-Pencil; a Copy whereof follows:

Auguſt 13. 1704.

Have not time to ſay more than to beg of you to preſent my Humble Duty to the Queen, and to let Her Majeſty know, That Her Army has had a Glorious Victory: Monſieur Tallard and Two other Generals are in my Coach, and I am following the reſt: The Bearer my Aid de Camp, Colonel Park, will give Her Majeſty an Account of what has paſſed: I ſhall do it in a day or two by another more at large.

MARLBOROUGH.

The Particulars of the March of the Army, and of the Action, as far as could be collected at 7 a Clock in the evening, when the Gentleman who brought this Expreſs was diſpatched by his Grace, are as follow:

AUguſt 4. N. S. the Confederate Army under the Command of his Grace the Duke of Marlborough marched from Fridberg, and encamped that night at Knebach, alias Kippach, The ſame day about 10 in the morning, the Marſhal de Tallard, with about 12000 Men, came to Biberach, in order to join the Elector of Bavaria, whoſe Army lay at Augsbourg: The Marſhal left his Troops and went to the Elector's Camp, who ordered his Forces to march and join the French at Biberach, which they did accordingly.

The next morning Prince Lewis of Baden and the Duke of Marlborough alſo decamped, and marched to Hokenwert, where they continued the 6th and 7th.

The 6th Prince Eugene came to the Camp, and dined with the Duke of Marlborough. The ſame day a Detachment of 800 of Prince Lewis's Horſe marched to inveſt Ingolſtad.

On the 8th the Army decamped from Hokenwert, and marched to St. Sandtzell, and the 9th to Axheim. This day Prince Lewis marched with a Detachment to beſiege Ingolſtad. The ſame day the Duke of Marlborough had News, That the Enemy had paſſed part of their Army over the Danube at Dilingen or Lawingen, upon which his Grace ordered General Churchill to march with a ſtrong Detachment over the Danube at Schonevelt to reinforce Prince Eugene, who lay encamped near Donawert.

The 10th the whole Army marched to Schonevelt.

The 11th Intelligence was brought, That the Enemy had paſſed their whole Army over the Danube; upon which his Grace ordered the Army under his Command to march by break of day; the firſt Line to paſs the Lech near Rain, the Danube at Donawert, and the River Wornitz near Donawert; the ſecond Line to paſs the Danube at Schonevelt, and the Wornitz at Oppermorgen: That night the whole Army joined, and encamped at Munſter. The ſame evening the Duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene rode out to obſerve the Poſture of the Enemy.

The 12th the Duke having Notice, that ſome Troops of the Enemy were moving towards us, ordered our Piquet to march, and the reſt of the Army to be under Arms, and ready to march; and himſelf, with Prince Eugene, went out to obſerve the Enemy, who advanced and encamped on a Hill near Hochſtetten; whereupon that night the Duke ordered all the Bagage to be ſent towards Donawert, and the Army to be ready to march by break of day, which accordingly they did, and faced the Enemy's Camp by 6 or 7 of the Clock in the morning.

The Generals immediately ſet about ranging the Army in Order of Battel. At our firſt coming the Enemy were quiet in their Camp, and their Horſe gone to forage: But ſo ſoon as they diſcovered us, they ſeemed, by the Noiſe in their Camp, to be in great Confuſion; and they fired two Pieces of Cannon, to call back their Foragers: They alſo burnt ſeveral ſmall Villages, that lay between our Army and theirs. About 9 a Clock they fired ſome Cannon upon our Troops, as they were marching to form the Line; whereupon the Duke ordered Cannon to be brought up, and Batteries to be made, to fire upon them, which was done with very good Effect. Thus both Armies continued cannonading each other till about a quarter before one a Clock; during which time the Duke ordered a little Rivulet and Morals in the Front of the Enemy to be ſounded; and where it was found to be impaſſible he cauſed Bridges to be made in the Face of the Enemy.

When every thing was thus diſpoſed, which was about one a Clock, the Duke ordered the Troops to move, and attack the Enemy, which was accordingly done; Prince Eugene and the Imperial General Officers, at the Head of the Imperial Troops, were on the Right; General Churchil, the Lord Cutts, Lieutenant-General Lumley, my Lord Orkney, and Lieutenant-General Ingoldsby, with the reſt of the Engliſh and Dutch General Officers, were on the Left, and the Duke of Marlborough commanded the whole. The Diſpute was very ſharp, and continued till near 5 a Clock; at which time the Troops on the Right, under Prince Eugene, being hard preſſed by the Bavarians, who were on the Left of the Enemy's Line, began to give way; which his Grace perceiving, went in Perſon thither, and ordered the Corps de Reſerve to advance, and ſaw them himſelf paſs over the Rivulet, and there formed them, which put a ſtop to the Enemy's advancing any further. His Grace, at this time in particular, as likewiſe during the whole Action, expoſing himſelf where there was the greateſt Danger, very narrowly eſcaped being ſhot by a Cannon Bullet which grazed under his Horſe's Belly, and covered him all over with Dirt, inſomuch that all that ſaw it concluded him to be daſhed to pieces.

In the mean time the Engliſh and Dutch Troops gained ground upon the French, and ſoon after obliged their Horſe to retire in great Confuſion, leaving their Foot to our Mercy, which were for the moſt part cut to pieces. About 20 Battalions of the Enemy retired to a Village, and there defended themſelves with a great deal of Bravery for at leaſt an hour and an half, though Cannon was brought againſt them, and they were ſurrounded by our Troops: At laſt great numbers of them being killed, the reſt ſurrendred themſelves Priſoners of War. By this time we were entirely Maſters of their Camp, and all their Tents, Artillery, Cannon and Bagage.

A great number of Officers were taken in this Action, and amongſt the reſt, the Marſhal de Tallard, and two General Officers, one of which was the Marquis de Valiere, and the other's Name Colonel Park does not remember. There ſtill continued a conſiderable number of the Bavarian Horſe in a Body together, which the Duke, at the diſpatching away of this Expreſs, had ordered to be ſurrounded, and attacked; In order thereunto, Colonel Park ſaw our Troops advancing towards them, as he came away, and he verily believes that the Elector of Bavaria was with that Body of Horſe.

The Duke of Marlborough had been 16 hours on Horſeback, and was in purſuit of the Enemy when this Expreſs came away.

Montrose Lem.